

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application upon entry of this paper. A Letter to the Official Draftsperson with amended drawings, and an Information Disclosure Statement accompanies this paper along with the requisite fee. Applicants hereby request reconsideration and further examination.

Claims 1-3, 6-8 and 11-13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Walgrove, III et al. (6,580,885). Claims 1-2 now specify that a "foamed elastomer" damping pad defines "an exposed surface", and that the "exposed surface extends along the at least one corona wire in contact therewith." Claim 6-7 now specify that an "elastomer" damping pad defines "an exposed surface", and "said exposed surface extending along the at least one corona wire in contact therewith during corona current". Claims 12-13 now specify contacting the at least one corona wire with "an exposed surface extending along said at least one corona wire during corona current, said exposed surface comprising an elastomer." In addition, claim 13 is amended to be consistent with amended claim 12. Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate certain limitations from its parent claim and to specify an "elastomeric damping pad". Applicants respectfully note that Walgrove et al. does not teach these limitations.

Support for the amendment in paragraph [011] of the description is found in Figures 1-4, as originally filed. Amended drawing sheets that specify the "exposed surface"-are filed with this paper along with a Letter to the Official Draftsperson. Support for "during corona current" is found in paragraph [002], lines 17-19, wherein it is evident that the damping occurs during corona current. Applicants respectfully submit that support for the rest of the changes is found at least in the claims and in paragraphs [010]-[012], as originally filed.

Claims 3 and 8 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of their parent claims. As such, the scope of these claims remains unchanged because they incorporated the limitations of their parent claims through incorporation by reference. Applicants respectfully note that Walgrove et al. does not teach a "pair of arms configured to engage the charger body" as specified by claims 3 and 8. Applicants

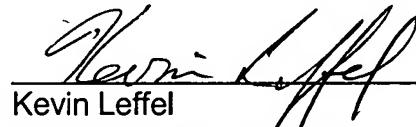
respectfully submit that the rejection on this basis is improper and request that it be withdrawn.

Claims 4-5, 9-10, and 14-16 stand allowable but objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. These claims have been rewritten to include all the limitations of their parent claims. The scope of these claims remains unchanged because they incorporated the limitations of their parent claims through incorporation by reference. Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for noting the allowable nature of these claims.

New claims 17-19 have been added, and Applicants respectfully submit that they are allowable for reasons already stated herein.

In conclusion, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-19 are allowable in their present form for at least the reasons noted herein, and hereby request such allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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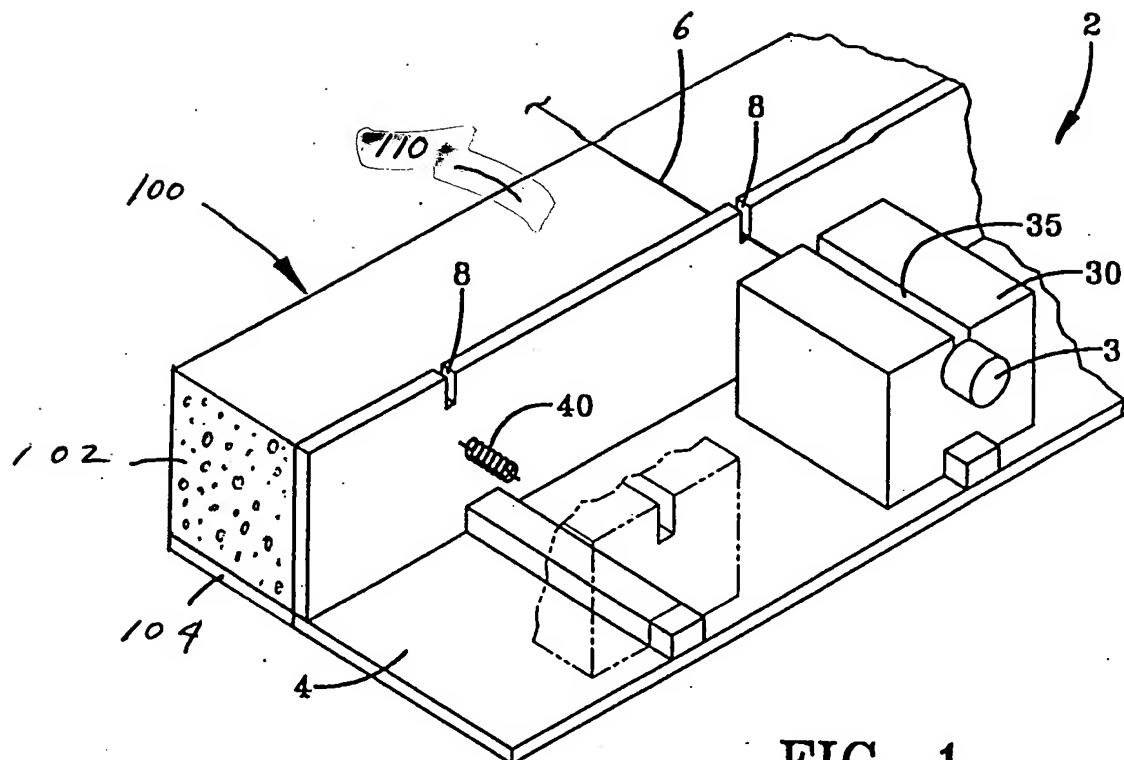


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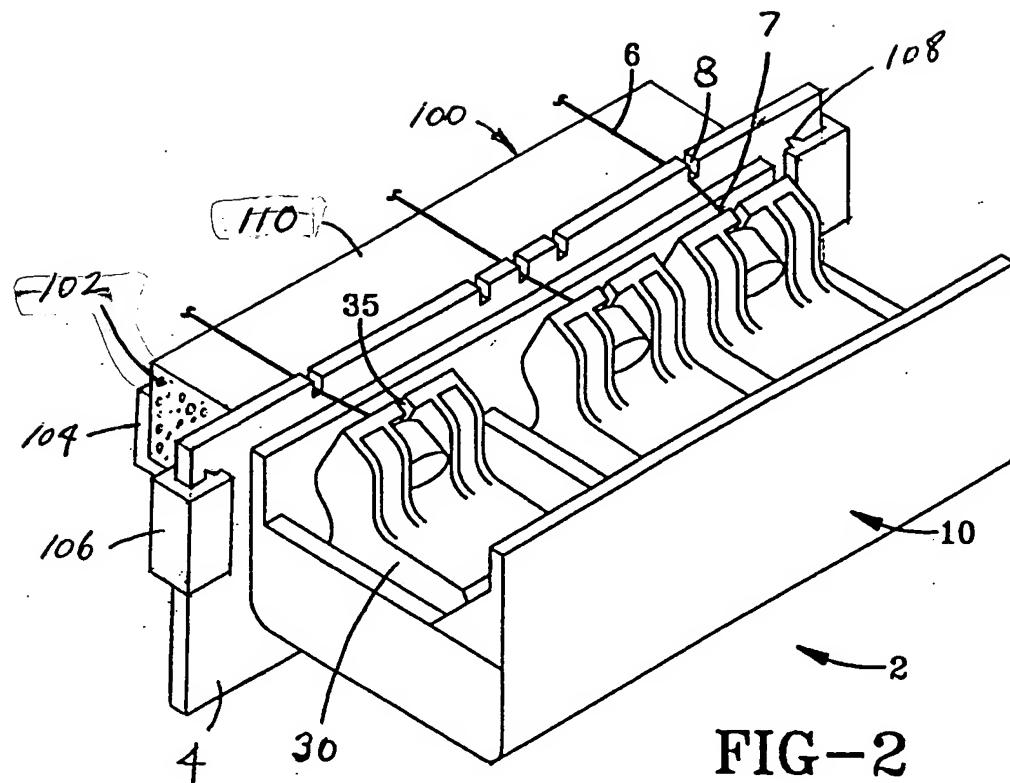


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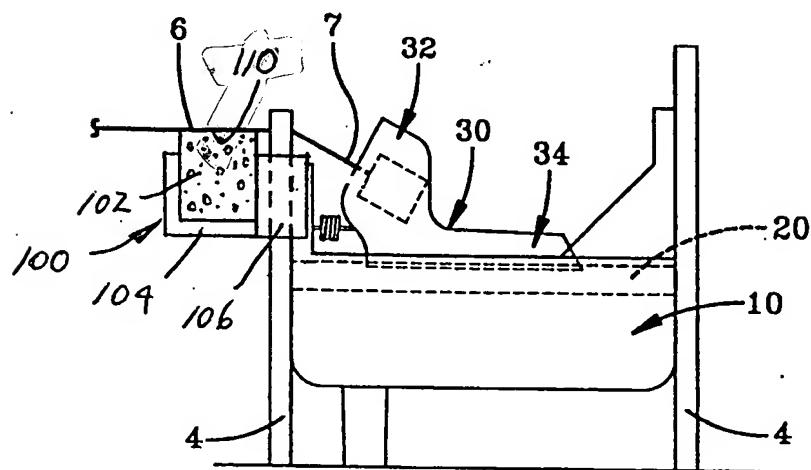


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